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**MINUTES
of the
121ST ANNUAL SESSION
of the
PEE DEE ASSOCIATION
of
ORIGINAL FREE WILL BAPTISTS**

**Met in session with
Beaverdam Church
Columbus County, North Carolina
October 20, 1990**

The next session will be held with Emerson Church in Columbus County, North Carolina, on Saturday before the third Sunday in October 1991, beginning at 9 a.m.

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PROCEEDINGS

The One Hundred Twenty-first Annual Session of the Pee Dee Association of Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina convened at Beaverdam Church in Columbus County, North Carolina, on October 20, 1990.

This session was opened with the congregation singing "Jesus Is the One." The Rev. William Jackie Godwin conducted the devotional service, taking his text from 1 Thessalonians 5:16ff. Altar prayer was led by the Rev. Billy Hardee.

The welcome address was given by the Rev. Buster Benton. The response was given by the Rev. Robert Sellers.

The moderator welcomed everyone and invited visitors to sit with us during this session. He announced the house in order for business.

The roll of churches was called and all churches were present except Mount Calvary, which had no delegates.

The roll of ministers was called and the Revs. Harvey Cribb, Archie Smith, Brooks Sykes, Claude Housand, Levy J. Ward, Terry Wade Nealey, Neil J. Harrelson, Ricky

Fowler, Wadus Earl Clewis, and Darrell Cartrette were absent. The Revs. Harvey Cribb, Archie Smith, Brooks Sykes, Terry Wade Nealey, Neil J. Harrelson and Wadus Earl Clewis were excused on motion by the Rev. Hollan Norris.

Petitionary letters were called for and there were none.

The moderator then appointed the following committees:

DEVOTIONAL: George Dudley, Woody Etheridge, and Soldierberry Grainger.
(This committee was excused to select the minister to bring the morning message.)

PERIODICAL: Janet Thomas, Jack Thompson, and Owens Ward.

EDUCATIONAL: Hattie Bright, Edward Barnhill, and Elgin Cribb.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Steward Norris, Charles Strickland and Roger Simmons.

MINISTERIAL: Bobby Carden, James Howard Nobles, and Dewey Hilbourn.

OBITUARY: Emma Ward, Jerry Godwin, and Kenneth McMillan.

RESOLUTIONS: Vester Cartrette, Buster Benton, and Miles Edwards.

FINANCE: J. D. Sarvis, Rossie McPherson, and Alma Davis.

HOME MISSIONS: This is a standing committee composed of Joseph B. Benton III, Jerry Bryan, and Bud Williams.

INVESTIGATION: This is a standing committee composed of Dallas Byrd, Horace Cartrette, and Woodrow Hinson.

The Devotional Committee came back in and gave the following report: We, your committee, beg leave to report that the Rev. C. H. Overman will bring the morning message.

Respectfully submitted,

George Dudley

Woody Etheridge

Soldierberry Grainger

The Devotional Committee report was received on motion by the Rev. Billy Hardee and the committee dismissed.

The Rev. Harold Jones gave a report on Foreign Missions.

The David Charles Hansley gave a report on Home Missions.

The Rev. Walter Sutton gave a report on the Retirement Homes.

The Rev. Frank Harrison gave a report on Mount Olive College.

Miles Edwards gave a report on the Free Will Baptist Press.

The Rev. Bobby Carden gave information on the Sunday School Board.

The Rev. C. H. Overman, general secretary of the State Convention, gave information on the State Convention.

The Rev. Bobby Taylor gave a report on the Children's Home. The congregation then sang "Amazing Grace" and an offering in the amount of \$240.91 was taken for the Children's Home.

Reports were accepted for information on motion by the Rev. Charles Hilbourn.

Church letters were called for at this time and read by the clerk.

The body was dismissed at this time for a short recess, with prayer by the Rev. William Jackie Godwin.

The Association reassembled with the singing of "He Abides." Prayer was offered by the Rev. Robert Sellers. The service was then turned over to the Rev. C. H. Overman, who brought a very inspiring message from 2 Timothy 3:16-17.

The Association was dismissed for lunch with prayer by Brother Lonzie Godwin. The Rev. Charles Hilbourn asked the blessings for the lunch that had been prepared.

The Association reassembled with the singing of "Victory in Jesus." The altar prayer was led by the Rev. Charles Hilbourn.

The house was announced in order by the moderator. He called for the committee reports and they were read by the clerk.

REPORTS

PERIODICAL

We, your committee, beg leave to report that we recommend to all our churches that we use the King James Version of the Holy Bible in our churches for both teaching and preaching and that we use literature printed by the Free Will Baptist Press Foundation in all our churches.

Respectively submitted,
Janet Thomas
Jack Thompson
Owens Ward

Report received and committee dismissed on motion by the Rev. Charles Hilbourn.

EDUCATIONAL

We, your committee, beg leave to report that the first priority in education shall be teaching of the Bible, God's Word, in the home, and the church, and schools such as Mount Olive College. As Free Will Baptists, we ought to support Mount Olive College.

Respectively submitted,
Hattie A. Bright
Elgin Cribb
Edward Barnhill

Report received and committee dismissed on motion by the Rev. Dean Cartrette.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

We, your committee, beg leave to report that we recommend to all our churches in the Association that they strive prayerfully and carefully to promote and maintain an effective Sunday School. We further recommend that the Sunday Schools use every means possible within the will of God to encourage and help the youth and new converts. Extreme care should be taken to select Christian officers and teachers and that the Sunday Schools use literature printed by the Free Will Baptist Press Foundation in Ayden, NC. We believe that Sunday School should be a point of reviving as well as learning.

Respectively submitted,
Roger Simmons
Charles Strickland
Steward Norris

Report received and committee dismissed on motion by the Rev. Kim Barnes.

RESOLUTIONS

We, the Resolutions Committee, would like to report that we have no resolutions to bring before this body at this time. However, we would like to ask the congregation to stand to show appreciation to the Beaverdam Church for their warm hospitality shown at this Association.

Respectively submitted,
Vester Cartrette
Miles Edwards
Joseph B. Benton III

Report received and committee dismissed on motion of the Rev. Charles Hilbourn.

MINISTERIAL

We, your committee, beg leave to report that there were four ministers absent without excuses being given. We refer this to the Executive Board to follow up. These

ministers were the Revs. Claude Housand, Levy Ward, Ricky Fowler and Darrell Cartrette.

Respectively submitted,
Bobby Carden
James Howard Nobles
Dewey Hilbourn

Report was received and committee dismissed on motion by the Rev. Robert Sellers.

OBITUARY

We, the Obituary Committee, regret to report that to the best of our knowledge, we have had 24 deaths during this past year. We ask the congregation to stand and pause in silent prayer in memory of these.

Respectively submitted,
Jerry Godwin
Emma Ward
Kenneth McMillan

Report received and committee dismissed on motion by the Rev. Pete Cribb.

FINANCE

We, your committee, beg leave to report:

Old Funds	\$1,958.96
New Funds	915.00
Total	<u>\$2,873.96</u>

Respectively submitted,
J. D. Sarvis
Rossie McPherson
Alma Davis

Report received and committee dismissed on motion by the Rev. Kim Barnes.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Receipts

Old Funds	\$1,958.96
New Funds	915.00
Total	<u>\$2,873.96</u>

Disbursements

Clerk	\$ 30.00
Treasurer	30.00
Moderator	30.00
Yearbook pages	374.01
Bibles	25.55
Delegates	57.83
Offering, Children's Home	73.36
Total Disbursements	<u>\$ 620.75</u>

Respectively submitted,
Howard McPherson, *Treasurer*

Treasurer's report received on motion of the Rev. Dean Cartrette.

HOME MISSIONS TREASURER'S REPORT

We, your committee, beg leave to report:

Old Funds	\$ 502.90
Disbursements (Sister Letha McDaniel in memory of Brother Tommy McDaniel)	
Old Funds	\$ 100.00
New Funds	-0-
Total	\$ 402.90

Respectively submitted,
Joseph B. Benton III
Bud Williams
Jerry Bryan

Report received on motion of the Rev. Hollan Norris.

ORDAINING COUNCIL

On January 28, 1990, the Council met with Brother Steward Norris, after receiving a letter from Emerson Church concerning Brother Norris' calling into the ministry. After questioning him, he was found to be in sound doctrine and in faith, and he was issued credentials as a licentiate minister for one year.

On April 29, 1990, the Rev. Horace Ward voluntarily submitted his credentials to the Council and stated that he planned to go into an independent denomination.

On May 20, 1990, the Council met with the Rev. Dean Cartrette, after one year as a licentiate minister. Mr. Cartrette was given an examination for ordination. He met or exceeded the requirements set forth by the Pee Dee Association as an ordained minister. Ordination services were carried out at Mission Valley Church on June 24, 1990.

Respectively submitted,
James B. Hardee, *Chairman*
Garland Suggs, *Clerk*

Motion by the Rev. James B. Hardee that we accept this report. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

We, your committee, beg leave to report the following:

On June 12, 1990, the Executive Committee met with the Rev. David Charles Hansley, director of Home Missions; the Rev. Garland Suggs, missionary of the Whiteville Mission; and a delegation from the Whiteville Mission. The meeting was for the purpose of a presentation by the Mission for them to purchase property and a building to house the Mission. After hearing the presentation and discussing this venture, the committee gave their consent for them to proceed. The Pee Dee Association will not be held liable for the debt on the property as this will be the responsibility of the Home Missions ministry and the Whiteville Mission. The consent of the Pee Dee Association was required by the Home Missions Board before they would agree for the Whiteville Mission to enter into this venture.

The Executive Committee met with the Ordaining Council in regard to the Ministerial Committee's Report given at the last Conference. It was decided that a letter would be sent to each minister of the Conference, informing them that if they were absent from a Conference and were not excused, that their credentials would be in jeopardy.

The Executive Committee met on July 21, 1990, for the purpose of discussing paying the Association delegates' expenses to the State Convention. Motion by Brother Howard McPherson that the expenses of the delegates be paid out of the treasury of the Association. Motion carried.

On August 2, 1990, the Executive Committee met with the Ordaining Council for the purpose of discussing and approving the letter to be sent to the ministers of the Association concerning absences from the Association meeting. The letter that had been drafted by the clerk and moderator was approved and was sent to the ministers.

Respectively submitted,
Williams Jackie Godwin, *Moderator*
Charles Hilbourn, *Assistant Moderator*
Jack Penny, *Clerk*
Howard McPherson, *Treasurer*
Wade Nealey, *Member at Large*

Report was received on motion by the Rev. Robert Sellers.

INVESTIGATION COMMITTEE

No report.

The reading of the minutes was omitted on motion by the Rev. James B. Hardee and the vote of the Association.

Old or unfinished business: None.

New business was called for and there was a motion by the Rev. James Nobles that we get a home for the next Association meeting. Motion was carried and the invitation by Emerson Church to host the next Association was accepted.

Motion by the Rev. J. W. Byrd that the Executive Committee cannot be made up of more than two members of the same church, effective at the 1991 reorganization. Motion carried.

Motion by the Rev. Hollan Norris to pay the Association officers the same as usual. Motion carried.

Motion by the Rev. James B. Hardee that we extend to the Rev. Dean Cartrette the right hand of fellowship into the Association as a minister, and that we extend the right hand of welcome to Brother Steward Norris as a licentiate into Association. Motion carried and this was carried out.

Motion by the Rev. James B. Hardee that the Association adjourn and leave any other unfinished business to the Executive Committee. Motion carried and the Association was dismissed with prayer by Brother G. C. Bryan.

Respectively submitted,
William Jackie Godwin, *Moderator*
Jack Penny, *Clerk*

CHURCHES	Church Members	Active	Inactive	Average		Add by Letter	Add by Other	Death	Lost by		Net Change	SS Members	SS Average
				MW	Att				Letter	Other			
Mt. Olive	53	54	29	45								45	45
Oak Grove	218			116	2	1		4		1	-2	218	107
Pine Level	38			25								40	25
Pireway	No Report												
Pleasant Meadow	No Report												
Thomasboro	No Report												
Trinity	36			36								36	36
White Oak	99			70	2	4		1			9	55	55
Whiteville	9	9		21		5					5	20	21
Pee Dee Totals	1618	368	70	1111	24	16	19	24	9	12	14	1366	1107
PIEDMONT CONFERENCE													
Christ	No Report												
Community	120	120		80	7	7			4		10	75	50
East Rockingham	257	190	67	160	19	18		4	6		27	150	125
Faith	No Report												
Good News	32			35			1	1				28	30
Gospel Light		68	40	80	8	2		2			6	55	45
Hickory Grove	27	17		30			6	1		1	4	23	25
High Point				45					2		-2		40
Highland Pines	72			65	3	11		5			9		55
House of Prayer	No Report												
Moorestville	No Report												
Mount Olive	No Report												
Northside	24												
Sweet Haven	No Report										-1	25	
Wayside Tabernacle	111	87	99	91	7	4	11	1		9	12	116	81
Piedmont Totals	643	482	206	586	44	42	18	15	14	10	65	472	451